

THE SECOND TRUST CONFERENCE.

If the speeches at the Civic Federation's two trust conferences may be taken as reflecting public thought upon the subject, about all that the people have discovered concerning the trust in the last seven or eight years is that it has come to stay and that discovery, we think, is a highly important and valuable one.

At the conference of nearly a decade ago, following the big industrial promotions, the debate was largely between those who wanted the consolidations dissolved by law and those who thought they should be permitted to exist—at least during reasonably good behavior. But at this last conference trust-busting was evidently little in favor, and the speeches that carried most weight practically all began with the premise that the big unit is a permanent fact. While opinion was somewhat vague as to what we can do with the trust, it was tolerably clear upon the proposition that one thing we can't do with it is to destroy it.

This strikes us as hopeful. If the point has been as firmly established as the speeches might be taken to indicate, to have got that far with the problem, in seven years is really encouraging. When the trust is recognized as a permanent control a staple article of consumption—we shall say again that in fact we shall probably begin to find out what to do with it. When the anti-trust clause of the Sherman act is repealed the way will be open at least for useful legislation. If the next seven years develop any major leaning as to what that legislation should be—as to just how the country may safely and profitably undertake the very intricate problem of dealing with some instances of private monopoly which encouraging progress has been made.—Saturday Evening Post.

ISSUE IN THE NEXT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

Next summer will come another political campaign. A new legislature and State officers are to be elected. By common courtesy the Governor is always re-elected so that his term is in fact four years instead of two. Governor Campbell will be re-elected without opposition, unless—

And this brings up the question of the real issue before the people of Texas next summer. The hostility of Senator Bailey to Attorney General Davidson is well known. Mr. Davidson is a part of the present administration. His acts meet the approval of Governor Campbell, who has repeatedly commended the work of the department in its fight against the Standard Oil Company, Waters-Pierce Oil Company and other trusts. The Governor also says emphatically that all the resources at his command will be used to vindicate the laws of the State.

Then how soon will it resolve itself into a fight between the present administration and Senator Bailey and his supporters. There is no doubt of the attitude of the administration on the matters that have come up and are still pending. That Governor Campbell is an honest man, and a courageous man for what he believes to be right and for the common good, no man doubts. That the things which he stands for are diametrically opposed to the things that Waters-Pierce and its friends stand for is equally well known. It remains for Senator Bailey to declare himself for or against these things. On this matter he has been silent. It remains, then, for Governor Campbell to declare himself in regard to supporting Bailey men when the question comes of electing a legislature which will undoubtedly find its most interesting topic in the action of the junior Senator.

Campbell will be re-elected, then, unless—by opposition to Bailey the latter can so command the Democracy of Texas that they will do his will and repudiate the administration that has really accomplished something in breaking up the dominant trusts in Texas.

LILTS O' LOVE.

Judd M. Lewis, the well known poet of the Houston Post, gives us

another delightful volume, "Lilts o' Love." This is a second, following his "Sing the South," a worthy successor to, though not so pretentious. It's just a volume of those spontaneous things that come from the heart of the poet. Its songs are songs of home, of sweet heart, of wife, of babies; songs of the human heart. Not all are equally good, of course, for not all ways can the writer command his pen so that its words are equally strong and true and full of inspiration. But they are all good, all worth reading, and some really fine lyrics in the list. It is such a book as one loves to have and read by his own fireside when he has forgotten the cares of the day and ceases to think of, but feels the strength of the ties that bind him to all that is really worth while in life.

THE VAGABOND.

A fine idea it was on the part of Everett Lloyd to publish a monthly magazine, not a pretentious one, but one of a distinct type, in the larger cities of the country. It has proved a profitable venture. Now he issues the seventh number of "The Vagabond" in San Antonio. Preceding numbers have been issued in the cities on the Pacific coast and El Paso. The number for the current month has an interesting short sketch of Alex Sweet, the San Antonio humorist, "What Makes San Antonio a City," and stories of Judge Roy Bean. The interesting feature of this number, however, is the introductory and the first chapter of the book soon to appear, by W. A. Cooke, entitled "Joseph Edward—alias Weldon—Bailey Unmasked, or the Story of a Fallen Senator." In the succeeding numbers to be published in the leading cities of Texas this book will run as a serial, "bond" to all whose interest in politics, or whose curiosity will lead them to read the terse story of the man by Mr. Cooke.

LABOR WOULD AFFILIATE WITH FARMERS.

Norfolk, Va.—The American Federation of Labor today rejected an amendment to its laws providing that in the future no arbitration upon a jurisdictional dispute between two or more international unions shall be considered by the Federation or by the executive council between sessions, unless all parties interested, by convention or referendum or in some other proper way agree before the question is taken up to be bound by the decision given.

The treasurer was directed to deposit on interest bearing certificates all American Federation of Labor funds over \$15,000.

The convention ratified the appointment of two special committees to confer with the farmers of the country represented by the affiliated American Society of Equity, and bring about a better understanding with the view of having the farmers fully co-operate with the trades union by refusing to buy boycotted farm supplies.

A resolution was introduced by J. H. Walker of the United Mine Workers providing that the executive council prepare a document setting forth reasons for the inauguration of a united political movement by the working people of the country, this document to be sent to all affiliated bodies and other bona fide organizations, the general result to be reported to the 1908 convention.

His whole long life in a union shop a carpenter earned his bread—

They buried him deep in a union grave when they found that he was dead.

When sick a union doctor, and a pretty union nurse

Paved the way for a union coffin and a handsome union hearse.

When laid away in a union grave beside the union dead

A stone from the union cutter was placed at his union head.

His soul went straight to heaven, but to stay it did not care—

He kicked up a row, and said that somehow, some non-union men were there.

He thereupon left for the other

place, away, 'way down below; But here 'twas hard, for he lost his card, and the boss of the realm of woe

Laughed long and loud, so the gathered crowd was afraid he never would stop;

"G'd darn your soul," cried Belzebub, "this is strictly a union shop!"

—Anonymous.

LABOR.

There is a potion of forgetfulness As wonderful as sleep, and exquisite,

And he who once hath drunk his fill of it Loses his sometime heartbreak and distress;

No lethe this, yet in its depth no less

Lies peace. And Life, who brewed this cup with wit,

Hath called it "Labor" and those men who sit

About his board drink deep and laugh and bless.

Drink, and forget the burden of old sighs;

Drink, and behold, the world is glorious!

This was God's plan; this wondrous gift and glad

He gave to Adam, losing Paradise: "Behold, I bid you labor!" Yea,

and thus Saved the first man, perchance from going mad.

—Theodosia Garrison.

Monterey, Mex.—Plans are being made and property purchased for the erection of a first class hotel on the Zara Toza Plaza.

San Antonio—Merchants are enthusiastic over the result of the Fair in securing them trade from Mexico. Large sales are reported many of them going to interior points hitherto not reached.

Columbus, O.—The Executive Committee of Ohio Republican clubs has endorsed Senator Foraker for President and approved his stand in the Brownsville matter.

Yucatan—Reports say that the recent volcanic disturbances have much altered the depth of the sea off the coast of Yucatan, as well as killed immense quantities of fish.

Tampa, Fla.—Two sponge divers fought 57 feet under water, and seriously injured each other, but no court has jurisdiction to punish them, as they were six miles from the coast.

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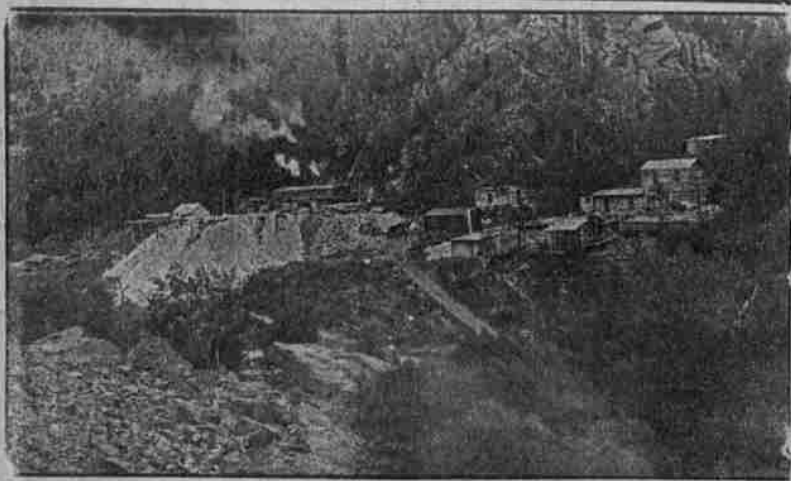
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